

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the location of Missouri Interpreters Conference this year?

The 13th Annual Missouri Interpreters Conference will be held at the Tan-Tar-A Golf Club Marina & Indoor Waterpark in Osage Beach, Missouri. Directions to the hotel can be found online.

When is the Missouri Interpreters Conference held?

Each year the Missouri Interpreters Conference is held in the fall. The conference dates for this year's conference is October 13 – 15, 2006.

When do I need to register to be able to attend the conference?

There are three separate deadlines for the conference; September 1, 2006 (Early Bird), September 30, 2006 (Regular Rate), and At the Door.

What is the conference cost?

The conference cost is different based on when you register. You can view all of the conference costs online by downloading the Conference Registration (available July 1st).

Does my conference registration include my hotel room?

No. All hotel sleeping rooms are a separate cost. You will need to contact Tan-Tar-A at (800) 826-8272 to make reservations. Make sure you ask for reservations under code "Missouri Interpreters Conference" to receive the special conference rate.

Do you accept credit cards?

No. Unfortunately we are not allowed to accept credit cards. We do accept personal and business checks (not post-dated), cashier checks, money orders, and purchase orders. Cash is accepted at the door only.

How will I know if you received my payment and registration to attend the conference?

We do not send out registration confirmations. If you would like confirmation that your registration was received, please contact the office of Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (573) 526-5205 V/TTY to verify receipt.

When I arrive at the conference registration desk, will I have to wait a long time to get my conference materials?

If you have pre-registered for the conference, your wait time should be less than five minutes. You will need to find the appropriate line and give your name to the person working at the registration desk. If you are paying on site (at-the-door), you may have a longer wait.

Why does the "At-The-Door" registration have a longer wait?

The conference registration desk is staffed by Student Representatives, Planning Committee members, and MCDHH staff. Only MCDHH staff can accept monies on site. You will be required to complete an "On Site" registration form and provide payment.

The MCDHH staff will then issue a name badge to you, provide you with conference materials, and provide you with a receipt. Your wait time will be longer than those who have prepaid due to the small number of staff working at the conference registration desk.

Why is there only one or two MCDHH staff working at the conference registration desk?

The staff of MCDHH consists of six full-time employees. At the conference they are working in many locations. It is impossible to have more than two staff at the conference registration desk during registration hours.

If I have a question while I'm at the conference who do I ask?

You can go to the conference registration desk and ask questions. At least one MCDHH staff should be present to help you with your questions.

How do I know who is MCDHH staff?

MCDHH staff will be wearing a conference name badge with a ribbon that says "MCDHH Staff".

Is the staff of MCDHH really working at the conference? I can't find them anywhere.

Yes. The staff of MCDHH arrives at the conference site on the Thursday before the conference and does not leave the conference site until late Sunday evening. The MCDHH staff is responsible throughout the conference to attend meetings, work the registration desk, set up exhibits, meet with presenters, help with audio visual needs, work at the Silent Auction, plus numerous other details and there are many. MCDHH staff is working approximately 55 hours each at the hotel site during the conference weekend.

Are meals included with the conference cost?

During the conference paid attendees are invited to attend the Friday evening Social, Saturday morning Continental Breakfast, Saturday morning Break, Saturday Luncheon Buffet, Saturday afternoon Break, Saturday evening Party (snacks), and Sunday morning Continental Breakfast. Friday and Saturday Dinner is on your own. Sunday Lunch is on your own. All breaks, snacks, buffets that are included in the conference rate are only for paid conference attendees. Extra meal or [event tickets](#) can be pre-ordered or purchased at the door.

Why do I have to pay for the conference?

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing hosts and organizes the Missouri Interpreters Conference. The conference is not state funded. The conference is supported only by the fees of the conference attendees and sponsors. Conferences are expensive. Your conference fees pay for the education you receive, hotel meeting space, conference materials, hotel staff, banquet items, audio visual, special events, etc. No money is profited from this conference.

Do I have to be an Interpreter to attend?

You do not have to be an interpreter to attend the conference. Everyone is welcome to register.

Are all workshops interpreted?

Most workshops are interpreted unless otherwise specified in the program book.

My spouse is Deaf and he/she wants to attend workshops, does he/she have to pay?

Yes. All conference attendees must pay to attend workshops. There are no exceptions.

I would like to bring my children with me to the workshops. Is this ok?

Although we welcome conference attendees to bring their family with them for the weekend, all conference participants (including children) must pay to attend workshops and events.

Why is my name badge required to attend all workshops?

You will be required to wear your name badge to gain admittance to all workshops. Your name badge shows proof that you paid to attend. If you lose your name badge, you will need to get another one issued to you from the conference registration desk.

How should I dress?

All conference participants (unless working at the conference) are encouraged to dress casual when attending workshops. On occasion there might be a special event such as a theme party where alternate dress is encouraged.

How do you earn CEUs at the conference?

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are earned by attending workshop sessions. After each session is completed CEUs are given to attendees. CEUs are not awarded to attendees that leave the session early or arrive late. One contact hour is equal to .1 MICS CEUs. Inside your conference program book, you will find instructions on how CEUs are tracked throughout the conference.

What type of CEUs are offered?

The Missouri Interpreters Conference also awards CEUs for MICS (Missouri), KQAS (Kansas), and RID (Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf).

I would like to earn CEUs for a separate professional certification or license that I hold. How do I do that?

Contact your state or national certifying/licensing agency and inquire on what paperwork needs to be completed. Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing would be happy to help assist you in receiving CEUs for your profession. We can not pay for any fees associated with earning CEUs at the Missouri Interpreters Conference.

I am not interested in earning CEUs, do I have to pay to attend workshops?

Yes. All conference attendees must pay to attend the conference.

What is the MCDHH Empowerment Symposium?

The MCDHH Empowerment Symposium is held in conjunction with the Missouri Interpreters Conference. The MCDHH Empowerment Symposium is an all-day Saturday event which focuses on empowerment for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Do I have to register for the Missouri Interpreters Conference to attend the MCDHH Empowerment Symposium?

No. The MCDHH Empowerment Symposium is free of charge. It is held at the same hotel as the Missouri Interpreters Conference. The MCDHH Empowerment Symposium is hosted by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with the help of sponsors.

How are the workshops selected for the conference?

The Missouri Interpreters Conference Planning Committee selects the conference workshops from a pool of proposals that are submitted to the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing each spring.

I would like to have an exhibit space at the conference. What do I do?

Complete the [Exhibitor Registration](#) form and submit it with payment to the office of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

If I want to exhibit at the conference am I also required to pay for conference registration?

No. You are only required to pay the conference registration if you plan to attend workshops.

I would like to work as an Interpreter at the Missouri Interpreters Conference. What do I need to do?

Please review the [Call for Interpreters](#) and then contact Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (573) 526-5205 V/TTY.

I would like to work as a Student Representative at the Missouri Interpreters Conference. What do I need to do?

Please review the [Call for Student Representatives](#) and then contact Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (573) 526-5205 V/TTY.

I would like to sponsor or advertise at the Missouri Interpreters Conference. What do I do?

Please review the [Advertisement/Sponsor](#) form and then contact Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (573) 526-5205 V/TTY.